

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. All amendments are supported by the originally filed application as indicated below. Consideration and entry of the amendments made in this response and that of July 4, 2003 is respectfully requested.

DOCKET NUMBER

This application has recently been transferred from outside counsel to Aventis Pasteur, Inc. As such, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to change the Attorney Docket Number from the current number to **API-1038-11-US**.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants do not have copy in their files of the initialed PTO-1449 form submitted with the IDS filed on 09 NOV 1999. It would be greatly appreciated if the Examiner would provide a copy of the initialed document with his next communication.

In addition, a Supplemental IDS, PTO-SB/08B, and a copy of the cited reference is attached to this response.

REMARKS REGARDING 08 OCT 2003 OFFICE ACTION

In Applicant's response dated July 4, 2003, reference was made to pages and line numbers that did not correspond to the copy of the application possessed by the Examiner. Applicants were working from a copy of the application held in their files, which was apparently differed from that held by the Examiner with respect to pagination and not content. Applicants provide the following corrections to the sections referenced in Applicant's July 4, 2003 response:

1. In the July 4, 2003 response, Applicants directed the Examiner's attention to page 7, lines 28-31 as providing support for the amendment to claim 1. In the copy of the application provided to Applicants by the Examiner, the statement referred to is found at page 8, lines 23-25.
2. In the July 4, 2003 response, Applicants directed the Examiner's attention to page 8, lines 20-22 and original claim 9. In the copy of the application provided to

Applicants by the Examiner, the statement referred to is found at page 9, lines 18-20.

3. In the July 4, 2003 response, Applicants directed the Examiner's attention to page 8, lines 17-19 and original claim 7. In the copy of the application provided to Applicants by the Examiner, the statement referred to is found at page 9, lines 15-17. In further support of Applicant's argument, the Examiner's attention is directed to the entire paragraph beginning at page 9, line 6 and continuing to line 17.
4. In the July 4, 2003 response, Applicants directed the Examiner's attention to page 8, lines 23-25 and original claim 12. In the copy of the application provided to Applicants by the Examiner, the statement referred to is found at page 9, lines 21-23.

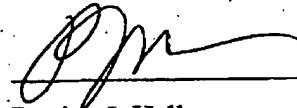
Applicants respectfully maintain that these corrections are fully responsive to the Examiner's points set forth in the Office Action dated 08 OCT 2003.

CONCLUSIONS

Consideration and entry of these amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully maintain that the claims are now in condition for allowance and request that a Notice of Allowance for the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a discussion would expedite prosecution, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 570-839-5446.

Respectfully submitted,

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